Horticulture mission

849. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to unveil Rs. 15,000 crores horticulture mission to transform the country's wasteland into valuable wealth-creating assets; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government have plans to launch a National Horticulture Mission during 10th Plan with the main objectives of doubling the horticulture production by 2011-12. Under the Mission it is proposed to take up various programmes such as production of seeds and planting material, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and processing besides taking up horticulture development programmes in dry lands and wastelands.

Allocation to animal husbandry and dairying

†850. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allocate more money for animal husbandry and dairying;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of amount likely to be allocated for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Anuual Plan allocation of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been enhanced to BE of Rs. 500.00 crore for 2004-05 in comparison to BE of Rs. 300.00 crore for 2003-04. The Plan allocation for animal husbandry sector and dairy development sector has been fixed at Rs. 336.00 crore for 2004-05, as against Rs. 202.00 crore during 2003-04.

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